

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended to change alkali to “alkaline.”

Claims 7 and 19 have been amended to add the limitation “wherein the phosphor emits red or white light.”

The dependency of claim 23 has been changed.

Claim 24 has been amended to require “ $0.03 \leq b_1 \leq 0.8$ ,” support for which exists at page 21, line 9 of the present application.

Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-27 are currently pending.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Koslow for the helpful and courteous phone interview conducted May 4, 2009, during which claims 3 and 7 were discussed. During the interview, Applicants indicated that they would cancel claim 3 and that they would amend claim 7 in a manner similar to the way in which the other pending claims had been amended. The Examiner indicated that such amendments would probably place the case in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending rejections.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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